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1. IN DISCUSSION BETWEEN DCM AND FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT MARCH 9 ON OTHER MATTERS, BHATT REFERRED TO NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND DCM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPENING TO NOTE SOME REPORTS OF DISSATISFACTION WITHIN NON-ALIGNED OVER CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. BHATT VOLUNTEERED THAT "THAT WAS ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH US WHEN HE WAS HERE", ADDING THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE DIVISIVE EFFECTS OF THIS ISSUE AT BELGRADE NAM CONFERENCE. BHATT WENT ON TO SAY THAT "A CUBAN" HAD BEEN IN KATHMANDU LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS SAME CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT:, BUT BHATT HAD BEEN TIED UP WITH INDIA-NEPAL TRADE AND TRANSIT TALKS AND SO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO MEET HIM. UNDERSECRETARY BHINDA SHAH HAD MET THE CUBAN, BUT BHATT SAID HE HAD NOT HAD FULL REPORT ON THE MEETING.

2. WE WILL TRY TO FOLLOW UP DISCREETLY ON THIS AS OPPORTUNITY ALLOWS. HECK UNQUOTE HECK

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